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THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: Biological Warfare Intelligence

1. There is an acute requirement for more reliable information regarding Soviet activities, capabilities and intentions concerning biological warfare. Current intelligence on this subject is so sparse that it does not provide a satisfactory basis for overall evaluation of formulation of Department of Defense planning in this field.

2. The difficulties inherent in gathering intelligence on this subject are recognized. However, the continuing need for more complete and reliable information appears to dictate an accelerated emphasis on biological warfare intelligence. I am forwarding a similar memorandum to Defense Department intelligence agencies and would appreciate any action you deem appropriate to assist in accomplishing this extremely important objective.

(Signed) Robert Lovett

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